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ELECTORS REMINDED TO VOTE TOMORROW

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THE REGISTRATION AND ELECTORAL OFFICE (REO) TODAY (SATURDAY) REMINDED MORE THAN TWO MILLION REGISTERED ELECTORS THAT THE POLLING HOURS OF THE DISTRICT BOARD ELECTIONS TOMORROW (SUNDAY) WILL START FROM 7.30 AM AND LAST UNTIL 10.30 PM.

A REO SPOKESMAN SAID AN ELECTOR WAS ONLY REQUIRED TO BRING ALONG HIS IDENTITY CARD TO THE POLLING STATION. BUT IT WOULD FACILITATE THE POLLING PROCEEDING IF HE COULD ALSO BRING ALONG THE POLL CARD, ISSUED TO HIM AT LEAST 10 DAYS BEFORE THE POLLING DAY.

A TOTAL OF 372 POLLING STATIONS WILL BE OPENED ON THE POLLING DAY.

"THE BALLOT IS SECRET. NO ONE CAN FORCE A PERSON TO VOTE OR NOT TO VOTE FOR ANY PARTICULAR CANDIDATE; AND NO ONE IS REQUIRED TO TELL WHICH CANDIDATE HE HAS VOTED FOR OR IS GOING TO VOTE FOR," HE SAID.

THE SPOKESMAN ALSO REMINDED ELECTORS THAT THEY SHOULD MARK A "TICK" SIGN IN THE CIRCLE SPACE OPPOSITE THE NAME OF THE CANDIDATE FOR WHOM HE WISHED TO VOTE.

HE SHOULD THEN FOLD THE BALLOT PAPER TO CONCEAL THE MARK AND COME OUT OF THE POLLING BOOTH.

THE FOLDED BALLOT PAPER SHOULD THEN BE PUT INTO A SEALED BALLOT BOX IN THE PRESENCE OF A POLLING STAFF MEMBER, AFTER WHICH THE ELECTOR SHOULD LEAVE THE POLLING STATION WITHOUT UNDUE DELAY.

TO REGULATE CANVASSING ACTIVITIES TO MAINTAIN FREE AND SAFE PASSAGE FOR ELECTORS, A RESTRICTED CANVASSING AREA MAY BE SET UP OUTSIDE A POLLING STATION.

"SUCH AN AREA COULD ALSO ENSURE THAT ELECTORS ARE NOT UNDULY HARASSED ON THEIR WAY TO A POLLING STATION, WHILE ALLOWING EACH CANDIDATE A FAIR CHANCE OF PROMOTING HIMSELF," HE SAID.

FOR THE FIRST TIME, 22 SPECIFIED POLLING STATIONS WILL BE OPENED FOR PHYSICALLY HANDICAPPED ELECTORS WHO ARE IN NEED OF AN ACCESSIBLE POLLING STATION TO VOTE. THESE STATIONS ARE PART OF THE 171 POLLING STATIONS ACCESSIBLE TO PHYSICALLY HANDICAPPED ELECTORS.

A TOTAL OF 707 CANDIDATES WILL VIE FOR 296 CONSTITUENCIES THROUGHOUT THE TERRITORY. FIFTY CANDIDATES WHO WERE UNCONTESTED IN THEIR RESPECTIVE CONSTITUENCIES WERE AUTOMATICALLY ELECTED.

TOMORROW, THE THREE MEMBERS OF THE BOUNDARY AND ELECTION COMMISSION WILL SEPARATELY VISIT POLLING STATIONS THROUGHOUT THE TERRITORY TO SEE HOW THE ELECTIONS GO.

"IT IS THE RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE COMMISSION TO ENSURE THAT ELECTIONS ARE CONDUCTED OPENLY, HONESTLY AND FAIRLY," THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

CIVIL AVIATION DEPARTMENT SETS PERFORMANCE
TARGETS FOR AIRPORT

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THE CIVIL AVIATION DEPARTMENT TODAY (SATURDAY) ANNOUNCED ITS PERFORMANCE PLEDGE IN AN EFFORT TO CONSTANTLY STRIVING TO PROVIDE THE BEST POSSIBLE SERVICE FOR THE PUBLIC USING THE HONG KONG INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT.

ALSO ANNOUNCED WERE PERFORMANCE TARGETS FOR TANGIBLE SERVICES MONITORED BY IT AT THE AIRPORT.

ON THE WHOLE, THE DEPARTMENT PLEDGED TO MAKE AVAILABLE TO THE TRAVELLING PUBLIC A SECURE, SAFE AND EFFICIENT AIRPORT, PROVIDING AN EXPEDITIOUS, COMFORTABLE AND FRIENDLY ENVIRONMENT FOR ALL CUSTOMERS.

AS PART OF THE GOVERNMENT'S OVERALL PERFORMANCE PLEDGE SCHEME, THE DEPARTMENT WILL ENLIST REGULAR AIR TRAVELLERS TO JOIN ITS CUSTOMER LIAISON GROUP. THE GROUP WILL MEET REGULARLY TO RECEIVE COMMENTS AND EXCHANGE VIEWS ABOUT AIRPORT SERVICES.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE DEPARTMENT SAID THE PLEDGE WOULD COVER THE FOLLOWING AREAS AND STANDARDS WERE BEING SET SO THAT THE DEPARTMENT COULD MONITOR SERVICES PROVIDED BY OTHER AIRPORT PARTIES:

- * AIRPORT SECURITY HAND BAGGAGE CHECK 90 PER CENT OF PASSENGERS CHECKED WITHIN THREE MINUTES; 100 PER CENT WITHIN FIVE MINUTES.
- * BAGGAGE RECLAIM WAITING TIME ON 90 PER CENT OF OCCASIONS, THE FIRST BAG WILL BE DELIVERED AT THE BAGGAGE RECLAIM WITHIN 25 MINUTES OF AIRCRAFT PASSENGER DOORS OPENING. ON 90 PER CENT OF OCCASIONS, THE LAST BAG WILL BE DELIVERED WITHIN 43 MINUTES.
- * AIRCRAFT/TERMINAL PASSENGER TRANSFER ALL TRANSFER BUSES WILL BE FULLY AIR-CONDITIONED.
- * PASSENGER CHECK-IN ADEQUATE CHECK-IN DESKS WILL BE PROVIDED FOR AIRLINES AND THEIR HANDLING AGENTS TO ENSURE THAT THE QUEUING AND CHECK-IN SERVICE TIME THAT THEY ARE ABLE TO PROVIDE DOES NOT EXCEED 30 MINUTES ON 95 PER CENT OF OCCASIONS.
- * NO SMOKING AREAS TO EXTEND THE NO-SMOKING POLICY TO AS MANY AREAS AS POSSIBLE WITHIN THE TERMINAL. THE TARGET IS TO PROVIDE A "NO-SMOKING" PASSENGER TERMINAL. CURRENTLY, ALL RESTAURANTS ARE DESIGNATED "NO-SMOKING" AND SEPARATE SPECIFIC AREAS ONLY, CONSTITUTING NO MORE THAN 25 PER CENT OF THE SEATING AREA PROVIDED, ARE CURRENTLY PROVIDED FOR SMOKING.

/* PASSENGER TERMINAL

- * PASSENGER TERMINAL TO ENSURE PASSENGER COMFORT, THE PASSENGER TERMINAL WILL BE MAINTAINED AT A TEMPERATURE OF BETWEEN 21 DEGREES CELSIUS AND 25 DEGREES CELSIUS.
- * PORTER SERVICE A FREE PORTER SERVICE IS PROVIDED.
- * PROVISION OF SELF-HELP TROLLEYS AN ADEQUATE SUPPLY OF BAGGAGE TROLLEYS IS AVAILABLE AT THE ARRIVALS RECLAIM HALL AND DEPARTURES CURBSIDE.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID FOR THOSE SERVICES PROVIDED BY AIRLINES AND ORGANISATIONS THAT SUPPORTED THEM, GUIDANCE WAS ALSO GIVEN IN ITS RECENTLY PUBLISHED PERFORMANCE PLEDGE PAMPHLET TO DIRECT ANY ENQUIRIES TO THE MOST APPROPRIATE ORGANISATION.

IF AIRPORT USERS FEEL THAT AN ENQUIRY OR A COMPLAINT MADE TO ANY AIRPORT SERVICE PROVIDER HAS NOT BEEN ADEQUATELY DEALT WITH, THEY ARE ALSO ENCOURAGED TO WRITE TO THE DIRECTOR OF CIVIL AVIATION TO LODGE AN APPEAL.

IN SETTING UP A CUSTOMER LIAISON GROUP, THE SPOKESMAN SAID THE PURPOSE WAS TO OFFER A FORUM OF OPINION EXCHANGE BETWEEN THE PASSENGERS AND KEY REPRESENTATIVES FROM AIRLINES, AND THOSE THAT SUPPLY SERVICES INCLUDING CUSTOMS, IMMIGRATION, THE TRANSPORT AND CIVIL AVIATION DEPARTMENTS. THE GROUP MEMBERS WILL MEET FACE TO FACE EVERY THREE MONTHS.

TO INVOLVE THE BROADEST POSSIBLE CROSS-SECTION OF THOSE WHO REGULARLY FLY FROM THE AIRPORT AND TO LEARN FROM THEIR EXPERIENCE, THE DEPARTMENT WISHES TO INVITE A WIDE RANGE OF PASSENGERS TO SIT IN THE GROUP.

APPLICATION FORMS TO JOIN THE GROUP ARE ATTACHED TO PAMPHLETS WHICH ALSO EXPLAIN HOW THE GROUP SHOULD WORK. THIS PAMPHLET AND THE PERFORMANCE PLEDGE PAMPHLET ARE NOW BEING DISTRIBUTED AT VARIOUS LOCATIONS IN THE AIRPORT.

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TOLO HARBOUR RECLAMATION ENVIRONMENTALLY ACCEPTABLE

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RECLAMATION IN TOLO HARBOUR NEAR PAK SHEK KOK FOR PROVIDING A SITE FOR THE DISPOSAL OF SURPLUS INERT CONSTRUCTION MATERIALS WILL BE ENVIRONMENTALLY ACCEPTABLE WITH SUITABLE MITIGATION MEASURES, A SPOKESMAN FOR THE CIVIL ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT SAID TODAY (SATURDAY).

"THIS IS CONFIRMED BY THE FINDINGS OF AN ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT STUDY," HE SAID.

A REPORT OF THE STUDY IS AVAILABLE FROM THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS CENTRE, GROUND FLOOR, GENERAL POST OFFICE BUILDING, CONNAUGHT PLACE, CENTRAL, AT \$445 A COPY.

TENDERS FOR THE RECLAMATION PROJECT WILL BE INVITED BY THE END OF THIS YEAR SO THAT THE WORK CAN START EARLY NEXT YEAR FOR COMPLETION IN ABOUT SEVEN TO EIGHT YEARS.

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SHOW TO HELP DISABLED INTEGRATE

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A NUMBER OF ENTERTAINMENT CELEBRITIES WILL JOIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCILLORS AND SENIOR GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS IN AN EXTRAVAGANZA NEXT SUNDAY (SEPTEMBER 25) TO PROMOTE THE INTEGRATION OF PEOPLE WITH A DISABILITY INTO THE COMMUNITY.

TO BE HELD AT THE LYRIC THEATRE OF THE ACADEMY FOR PERFORMING ARTS, THE "REHABILITATION SPECIAL" IS THE HIGHLIGHT OF THE GOVERNMENT'S PUBLIC EDUCATION PROGRAMME TO ENHANCE AWARENESS OF THE NEEDS OF PEOPLE WITH A DISABILITY.

"THIS EDUCATION PROGRAMME IS AIMED AT NOT ONLY FIGHTING PREJUDICE AND DISCRIMINATION AGAINST PEOPLE WITH A DISABILITY, BUT ALSO PROMOTING EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES AND FULL PARTICIPATION FOR THIS VULNERABLE GROUP," A SPOKESMAN FOR THE HEALTH AND WELFARE BRANCH SAID TODAY (SATURDAY).

"IT IS THEREFORE ONLY APPROPRIATE FOR THE 'REHABILITATION SPECIAL' TO CARRY THE THEME OF 'EQUALITY THROUGH PARTICIPATION, WITH EMPHASIS ON OPEN EMPLOYMENT'," THE SPOKESMAN ADDED.

"WE HOPE THAT THROUGH THE CONCERTED EFFORT OF THE BIG NAMES IN THIS SHOW, THE PUBLIC WILL REALISE BOTH THE ABLE-BODIED AND THE DISABLED CAN LIVE AND WORK IN HARMONY," HE SAID.

ACCOMPANIED BY THE SECRETARY FOR HEALTH AND WELFARE, MRS KATHERINE FOK, MRS PATTEN WILL OFFICIATE AT THE OPENING CEREMONY OF THE 'REHABILITATION SPECIAL'.

THE SHOW WILL FEATURE A CAST OF CELEBRITIES, INCLUDING LEGISLATIVE COUNCILLORS MRS SELINA CHOW, MR MOSES CHENG, MR MICHAEL HO AND MR ERIC LI, DEPUTY SECRETARIES FOR HEALTH AND WELFARE MRS SHELLEY LAU AND MISS JACQUELINE WILLIS AS WELL AS DR SUSAN CHAN AND DR KATHLEEN SO OF THE HOSPITAL AUTHORITY AND DR GRACE TANG. THEY WILL FORM A CHOIR TO SING "THAT DOGGIE IN THE WINDOW".

SOME SECONDARY STUDENTS WITH DIFFERENT DISABILITIES FROM FIVE SCHOOLS WILL PERFORM AN OPENING SONG, "GREATEST LOVE OF ALL", WITH FIVE POP SINGERS.

HAPPY LUTHERAN BAND, A JAZZ BAND COMPRISING BLIND PERSONS, WILL PERFORM WITH A SINGER-SONG-WRITER, ERIC MOO.

MR CHARLES LEUNG, A WHEELCHAIR-BOUND MEDICAL SOCIAL WORKER OF THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT, WILL LEAD A TEAM OF SEVEN OTHER SOCIAL WORKERS TO SING A CANTONESE SONG.

WHILE MS ELIZA CHAN IS SINGING, A BLIND SECRETARY WILL TYPE THE LYRICS OF THE SONG, WHICH WILL BE SCREENED SIMULTANEOUSLY.

DR DAVID FANG AND DR POON YEUK-FOO WILL EACH PERFORM A VOCAL SOLO.

SUPERSTARS PARTICIPATING IN THE SHOW INCLUDE LEON LAI, SHIRLEY KWAN, KEVIN CHENG, KAREN TONG, WARREN MOK AND BERLIN CHENG, WHILE IDY CHAN AND LAM KAR-WAH WILL BE MASTERS OF CEREMONY.

ORGANISED JOINTLY BY THE HEALTH AND WELFARE BRANCH AND RTHK, "REHABILITATION SPECIAL" WILL BE SCREENED ON TVB-JADE FROM 10 PM TO 11 PM ON OCTOBER 2 (SUNDAY).

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ATTENTION NEWS EDITORS:

YOU ARE WELCOME TO COVER THE "REHABILITATION SPECIAL".

MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES ARE REQUESTED TO APPROACH THE RECEPTION DESK AT THE LOBBY OF THE LYRIC THEATRE, ACADEMY FOR PERFORMING ARTS, WAN CHAI, FOR ADMISSION TICKETS BEFORE 7.45 PM ON SEPTEMBER 25 (SUNDAY). OWING TO LIMITED QUANTITY, EACH MEDIA ORGANISATION WILL BE ENTITLED TO ONLY ONE ADMISSION TICKET. ADMISSION WITHOUT TICKET IS STRICTLY PROHIBITED BY THE ACADEMY FOR PERFORMING ARTS.

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CARGO WORKING AREAS REMAIN OPEN ON GENERAL HOLIDAY

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THE MARINE DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCED TODAY (SATURDAY) THAT ALL PUBLIC CARGO WORKING AREAS WOULD STAY OPEN FROM 7 AM TO 9 PM DURING THE GENERAL HOLIDAY ON SEPTEMBER 21.

THE PUBLIC CARGO WORKING AREAS ADMINISTERED BY THE DEPARTMENT ARE AT THE WESTERN DISTRICT, SHEUNG WAN, WAN CHAI, CHAI WAN, YAU MA TEI, KWUN TONG, CHA KWO LING, TSUEN WAN AND RAMBLER CHANNEL.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE DEPARTMENT SAID: "THE TUEN MUN PUBLIC WATERFRONT WILL ALSO BE OPEN FROM 7 AM TO 9 PM ON THAT DAY."

MACAU FERRY TERMINAL WILL REMAIN OPEN 24 HOURS WHILE CHINA FERRY TERMINAL IN TSIM SHA TSUI WILL BE OPEN AS NORMAL BETWEEN 6 AM AND 10 PM ON THE DAY.

THE VESSEL TRAFFIC CENTRE AND THE MARITIME RESCUE CO-ORDINATION CENTRE WILL REMAIN OPEN CONTINUOUSLY.

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MAXIMUM FINE IMPOSED FOR UNREPORTED OVERTIME WORK

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FACTORY OWNERS AND EMPLOYERS MUST COMPLY WITH LABOUR LAW AND STOP ENGAGING WOMEN IN WORK OUTSIDE THEIR NORMAL PERMITTED PERIOD OF EMPLOYMENT.

THEY SHOULD SUBMIT THEIR APPLICATIONS FOR OVERTIME WORK FOR WOMEN WORKERS TO THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT IF THEY WISH TO ENGAGE WOMEN TO WORK OVERTIME.

THE REMINDER FOLLOWS RECENT COURT CASES IN WHICH THREE DIFFERENT EMPLOYERS WERE GIVEN THE MAXIMUM FINE OF \$10,000 AT THE TSUEN WAN MAGISTRACY FOR ENGAGING WOMEN IN UNREPORTED OVERTIME WORK.

THE THREE CASES WERE DETECTED WHEN LABOUR INSPECTORS OF THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT CONDUCTED THEIR ROUTINE INSPECTIONS.

IN THE FIRST CASE, KIJIMA MUSEN (HONG KONG) LIMITED IN KWAI CHUNG WAS FOUND TO HAVE ENGAGED 16 WOMEN IN UNREPORTED OVERTIME WORK.

IN ANOTHER INSPECTION, TACK FAT SWIMWEAR MANUFACTURING LIMITED IN KWAI CHUNG WAS FOUND TO HAVE ENGAGED 20 WOMEN TO WORK OVERTIME WITHOUT NOTIFYING THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT.

THE THIRD CASE CAME TO LIGHT WHEN LABOUR INSPECTORS FOUND THAT 32 WOMEN WERE ENGAGED IN UNREPORTED OVERTIME WORK DURING THEIR INSPECTION TO THE JEAN MACHINE LIMITED IN TSUEN WAN.

LABOUR OFFICER (PROSECUTIONS) MISS RITA MA POINTED OUT THAT UNDER THE WOMEN AND YOUNG PERSONS (INDUSTRY) REGULATIONS, IT WAS AN OFFENCE FOR AN EMPLOYER TO CHANGE THE PRESCRIBED WORKING HOURS OF WOMEN IN INDUSTRY OR TO ENGAGE THEM IN OVERTIME WORK, WITHOUT NOTIFYING THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT BEFOREHAND.

"THE LAW ALSO REQUIRES THE EMPLOYER TO DISPLAY IN A CONSPICUOUS PLACE IN THE FACTORY A NOTICE SETTING OUT THE PERIOD OF EMPLOYMENT, INTERVALS FOR MEALS OR REST, AND REST DAYS FOR WOMEN WORKERS," MISS MA SAID.

"EMPLOYERS SHOULD STRICTLY ADHERE TO THE PERMISSIBLE HOURS OF WORK SET OUT IN THE NOTICE," SHE ADDED.

FOR YOUNG PERSONS, MISS MA NOTED THAT THEY SHOULD NOT BE EMPLOYED TO WORK OVERTIME IN INDUSTRIAL UNDERTAKINGS.

ANY EMPLOYER WHO BREACHES THE REGULATIONS IS LIABLE TO A MAXIMUM FINE OF \$10,000.

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AUGUST CLOUDY AND WET

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LAST MONTH WAS CLOUDY AND WET, AND CHARACTERISED BY FREQUENT ENHANCEMENT OF THE SOUTHWEST MONSOON AND HEAVY RAINFALL BECAUSE OF THE INDIRECT INFLUENCE OF TROPICAL CYCLONES, A ROYAL OBSERVATORY REPORT SAID TODAY (SATURDAY).

THE MEAN CLOUD AMOUNT OF 78 PER CENT WAS THE FIFTH HIGHEST FOR AUGUST.

THE TOTAL DURATION OF BRIGHT SUNSHINE WAS 138.8 HOURS, THE FIFTH LOWEST AUGUST RECORD.

THE MONTHLY RAINFALL OF 597.6 MILLIMETRES WAS 53 PER CENT ABOVE THE AUGUST AVERAGE.

THE TOTAL RAINFALL FOR THE FIRST EIGHT MONTHS OF THE YEAR WAS 2,301.7 MILLIMETRES, 35 PER CENT ABOVE THE NORMAL OF 1,707.4 MILLIMETRES FOR THE SAME PERIOD AND HAS ALREADY EXCEEDED THE MEAN ANNUAL RAINFALL OF 2,214.3 MILLIMETRES.

THE MONTH COMMENCED WITH HOT AND FINE WEATHER APART FROM BRIEF SHOWERS ON AUGUST 1 AND 2 AS A BROAD RIDGE OF HIGH PRESSURE DOMINATED THE COASTAL AREAS OF GUANGDONG.

ON THE RETREAT OF THIS RIDGE, THE WEATHER BECAME SHOWERY WITH ISOLATED THUNDERSTORMS ON AUGUST 3.

TROPICAL STORM CAITLIN MADE LANDFALL NEAR XIAMEN ON AUGUST 4 AND BROUGHT UNSETTLED WEATHER TO THE COAST OF GUANGDONG.

THUNDERY SHOWERS AND FRESH GUSTY SOUTHWESTERLY WINDS AFFECTED HONG KONG THAT NIGHT AND ON AUGUST 5 WHILE CAITLIN WEAKENED RAPIDLY INTO AN AREA OF LOW PRESSURE OVER SOUTHEAST CHINA.

MOIST AND UNSTABLE SOUTHWEST MONSOON BROUGHT DISTURBED WEATHER TO HONG KONG FROM AUGUST 6 TO 10 WITH OCCASIONAL THUNDERSTORMS AND PERIODS OF HEAVY RAIN.

MORE THAN 300 MILLIMETRES OF RAINFALL WERE RECORDED IN THE NORTHERN NEW TERRITORIES ON AUGUST 6.

FIVE PEOPLE WERE INJURED AND 33 FLOOD REPORTS WERE RECEIVED DURING THE RAINSTORM.

A LANDSLIDE OCCURRED ON THE MORNING OF AUGUST 7 WHEN A SECTION OF THE HILLSIDE IN TSING LUNG TAU COLLAPSED ONTO CASTLE PEAK ROAD.

A PASSING PUBLIC LIGHT BUS WAS FORCED OFF THE ROAD AND PLUNGED DOWN A SLOPE. ONE MAN WAS KILLED AND 17 OTHERS WERE INJURED IN THE INCIDENT.

THE WEATHER BECAME FINE ON AUGUST 11. WITH PERIODS OF SUNSHINE, THE MONTH'S HIGHEST TEMPERATURE OF 32.6 DEGREES WAS REACHED IN THE AFTERNOON OF AUGUST 12.

/UNSETTLED WEATHER

UNSETTLED WEATHER RETURNED ON AUGUST 15 AND RAIN WAS PARTICULARLY HEAVY ON THE MORNING OF AUGUST 16 WITH MORE THAN 100 MILLIMETRES FALLING IN THE URBAN AREAS.

SEVENTY-SIX CASES OF FLOODING AND 20 LANDSLIPS WERE REPORTED. TEMPERATURES DROPPED TO THE MONTH'S LOWEST OF 23.5 DEGREES THAT AFTERNOON DURING A HEAVY DOWNPOUR.

RAIN GRADUALLY DIED DOWN ON AUGUST 17 AND APART FROM A SHOWERY DAY ON AUGUST 20, A GENERALLY FINE SPELL LASTED UNTIL AUGUST 25.

MEANWHILE, TROPICAL STORM HARRY DEVELOPED OVER THE NORTHERN PART OF THE SOUTH CHINA SEA AND MOVED TOWARDS THE COAST OF WESTERN GUANGDONG.

LOCAL WEATHER STARTED TO DETERIORATE ON THE MORNING OF AUGUST 26 AS OUTER RAINBANDS OF HARRY AFFECTED THE TERRITORY.

WINDS STRENGTHENED FROM THE EAST AND BECAME STRONG DURING THE AFTERNOON.

SQUALLY SHOWERS CONTINUED TO AFFECT HONG KONG ON THE MORNING OF AUGUST 27 BUT EASED OFF IN THE AFTERNOON AS WINDS SUBSIDED.

THE WEATHER REMAINED CLOUDY WITH SOME RAIN ON AUGUST 28.

WITH THE EXTENSION OF THE SUBTROPICAL RIDGE FROM THE PACIFIC TO THE NORTHERN PART OF THE SOUTH CHINA SEA, LOCAL WEATHER IMPROVED ON AUGUST 29 AND STAYED FINE UNTIL THE END OF THE MONTH.

THERE WERE ALTOGETHER 10 TROPICAL CYCLONES OVER THE WESTERN NORTH PACIFIC AND THE SOUTH CHINA SEA IN THE MONTH OF AUGUST.

DURING THE MONTH, 22 AIRCRAFT WERE DIVERTED FROM HONG KONG BECAUSE OF INCLEMENT WEATHER.

DETAILS OF THE ISSUANCE/HOISTING AND CANCELLATION/LOWERING OF VARIOUS WARNINGS/SIGNALS IN THE MONTH ARE SUMMARISED IN TABLE 1.1. MONTHLY METEOROLOGICAL FIGURES AND DEPARTURES FROM NORMAL OF AUGUST ARE TABULATED IN TABLE 1.2.

TABLE 1.1 WARNINGS AND SIGNALS IN AUGUST 1994

WARNINGS / SIGNALS	EFFECTIVE DATE AND TIME
TROPICAL CYCLONE WARNING SIGNALS	
NAME OF T.C.	SIGNAL NO.
HARRY	1
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	AUG 25 10.50 PM - AUG 26 4.15 PM
	AUG 26 4.15 PM - AUG 27 11.45 AM

/LANDSLIP WARNINGS

TABLE 1.2 FIGURES AND DEPARTURES FROM NORMAL - AUGUST 1994

TOTAL BRIGHT SUNSHINE	138.8 HOURS; 68.2 HOURS BELOW NORMAL
MEAN DAILY GLOBAL SOLAR RADIATION	12.63 MJ/SQM; 4.98 MJ/SQM BELOW NORMAL
TOTAL RAINFALL	597.6 MM; 206.2 MM ABOVE NORMAL
MEAN CLOUD AMOUNT	78 PER CENT; 12 PER CENT ABOVE NORMAL
MEAN RELATIVE HUMIDITY	84 PER CENT; 3 PER CENT ABOVE NORMAL
MEAN DAILY MAXIMUM TEMPERATURE	30.4 DEGREES CELSIUS; 0.9 DEGREE CELSIUS BELOW NORMAL
MEAN AIR TEMPERATURE	27.9 DEGREES CELSIUS; 0.5 DEGREE CELSIUS BELOW NORMAL
MEAN DAILY MINIMUM TEMPERATURE	25.7 DEGREES CELSIUS; 0.6 DEGREE CELSIUS BELOW NORMAL
MEAN DEW POINT	24.8 DEGREES CELSIUS; NORMAL
TOTAL EVAPORATION	105.5 MM; 51.4 MM BELOW NORMAL

REMARKS: ALL MEASUREMENTS WERE MADE AT THE ROYAL OBSERVATORY EXCEPT SUNSHINE, SOLAR RADIATION AND EVAPORATION WHICH WERE RECORDED AT KING'S PARK.

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FIRING PRACTICE IN OCTOBER

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FIRING PRACTICE WILL TAKE PLACE AT THE HA TSUEN-CASTLE PEAK RANGE ON THREE DAYS NEXT MONTH.

THE PUBLIC IS ADVISED NOT TO ENTER THE AREA WHEN RED FLAGS ARE HOISTED.

FOLLOWING ARE THE DATES AND TIMES FOR THE FIRING PRACTICE:

DATE -----	TIME -----
OCTOBER 17 (MONDAY)	8.30 AM - 5 PM
OCTOBER 18 (TUESDAY)	8.30 AM - 5 PM
OCTOBER 31 (MONDAY)	8.30 AM - 11.59 PM

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FRESH WATER CUT IN WESTERN DISTRICT

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FRESH WATER SUPPLY TO SOME PREMISES IN THE WESTERN DISTRICT WILL BE TEMPORARILY SUSPENDED FROM 11 PM ON MONDAY (SEPTEMBER 19) TO 6 AM THE FOLLOWING DAY TO FACILITATE WATER MAINS LEAKAGE DETECTION.

THE AFFECTED AREAS INCLUDE 1-25 AND 4-16 HILL ROAD, 282-428 DES VOEUX ROAD WEST; 357-453 AND 450-496 QUEEN'S ROAD WEST; 11-21 AND 10-24 WHITTY STREET; HING LUNG LANE WEST; HING LUNG LANE EAST; SAI ON LANE; ON HING LANE; 1C-1K AND 2-2C WATER STREET; LAI ON LANE; SAI HING LANE; SIU CHEUNG FONG AS WELL AS 1-5 AND 21-24 CHIU KWONG STREET.

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HONG KONG MONETARY AUTHORITY
MONEY MARKET OPERATIONS

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	<u>\$ MILLION</u>	<u>TIME (HOURS)</u>	<u>CUMULATIVE CHANGE (\$ MILLION)</u>
OPENING BALANCE IN THE ACCOUNT	2,160	0930	NIL
CLOSING BALANCE IN THE ACCOUNT	1,624	1000	NIL
CHANGE ATTRIBUTABLE TO :		1100	NIL
MONEY MARKET ACTIVITY	NIL	1130	NIL
LAF TODAY	-536	1500	
LAF RATE 3.00 BID/5.00 OFFER	TWI 121.7	*-0.2*	17.9.94

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